



National Marine Fisheries Service
Highly Migratory Species Division

**Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
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The 2002 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2002, and ends May 31, 2003.

As of January 31, 2003, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2002, and ending May 31, 2003, indicate that:

- S** 2,085,207 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 99% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 30,107 lbs dw remains of the first semiannual quota.
- 482,683 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0.23% of the quota for the SECOND SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 1,632,631 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2003.
- S** 0 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 661,380 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2003.

As of January 31, 2003, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2002, and ending May 31, 2003, indicate that:

- S** 0 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 637,129 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2003.